

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) A method of treating onychomycosis ~~or tinea unguium~~ comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a precursor of protoporphyrin IX, and thereafter exposing the patient to light capable of photoactivating protoporphyrin IX, wherein said onychomycosis ~~or tinea unguium~~ is characterized by the presence of lesions or abnormalities of the nail.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein said precursor is 5-aminolevulinic acid.

54 - 55. (Canceled)

56. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment comprising administering to a patient, who is suffering from a disorder associated with a fungus of exogenous origin, a therapeutically effective amount of a precursor or protoporphyrin IX, and thereafter exposing the patient to light capable of photoactivating protoporphyrin IX, wherein said disorder is characterized by the presence of lesions or cellular abnormalities affecting the skin or nails
The method of claim 1, wherein said fungus belongs to the *Trichophyton* genus.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein said fungus is *Trichophyton rubrum*.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein said fungus is *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein said fungus is *Tricophyton tonsurans*.

60. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment comprising administering to a patient, who is suffering from a disorder associated with a fungus of exogenous origin, a

therapeutically effective amount of a precursor or protoporphyrin IX, and thereafter exposing the patient to light capable of photoactivating protoporphyrin IX, wherein said disorder is characterized by the presence of lesions or cellular abnormalities affecting the skin or nails
The method of claim 1, wherein said fungus belongs to the *Epidermophyton* genus.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60, wherein said fungus is *Epidermophyton floccosum*.

62. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52 [[1]], wherein said onychomycosis is caused by a fungus that belongs to the *Aspergillus* genus.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52 [[1]], wherein said onychomycosis is caused by a fungus that belongs to the *Candida* genus.